

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are 72-140. Claims 72, 73, 76, 79-81, 84-88, 93, 96, 101, 104, 109, 110, 120, 124, 128, 130, 131, 135 and 138 have been amended to improve their form. Reconsideration is expressly requested.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a Telephone Interview on November 14, 2008, the substance of which is set forth herein. During the Interview, the rejection of claim 76 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, was discussed and the Examiner indicated that he was maintaining the rejection of this claim for the reasons stated in the Office Action.

Claim 76 along with claims 72-73, 81, 101, 104, 128, 130, 135 and 138 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for the reasons set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. The Examiner also indicated, however, that the claims contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action.

In response, without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejections and in order to expedite prosecution of this case, Applicant has amended claims 72, 73, 76, 79-81, 84-88, 93, 96, 101, 104, 109, 110, 120, 124, 128, 130, 131, 135 and 138 to improve their form. It is respectfully submitted that all currently pending claims fully comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection on that basis be withdrawn.

As the Examiner has indicated that the claims contain allowable subject matter and as it is respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action has been overcome by the amendments herein, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

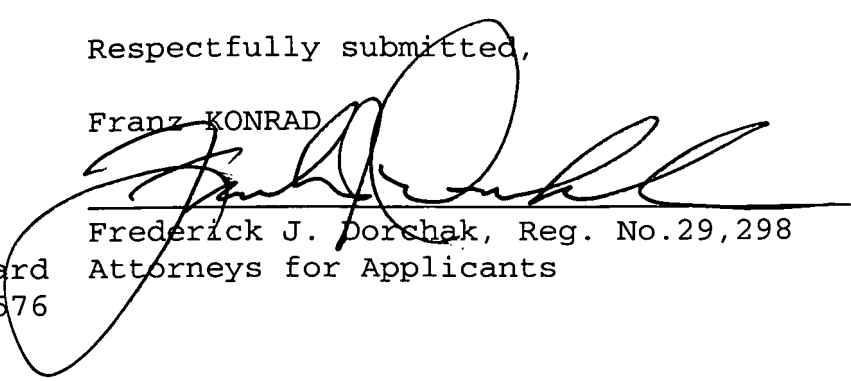
In summary, claims 72, 73, 76, 79-81, 84-88, 93, 96, 101, 104, 109, 110, 120, 124, 128, 130, 131, 135 and 138 have been amended. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested

that the claims be allowed and that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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